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In Brief

70th earns Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

Headquarters Air Combat Command has awarded the 70th Intelligence Wing and supporting units the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor for outstanding performance during the period of June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2003.

"The professionalism, knowledge and technical skills of the 70th IW members contributed directly to the fulfillment of national objectives during this critical time period," Col. James Poss, 70th IW commander, said. "Units collaborated both internally and externally to produce precision intelligence. The wing was fully engaged during Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle and Iraqi Freedom. All units accomplished the mission with a maximum degree of wartime readiness." Units authorized to receive this prestigious award are: 694th Intelligence Group; 94th Intelligence Squadron; OL C 694th Intelligence Group; OL B 694th Intelligence Group; OL A 694th Intelligence Group; 70th Intelligence Wing; OL D 694th Intelligence Group; 22nd Intelligence Squadron; 91st Intelligence Squadron; 29th Intelligence Squadron; 32nd Intelligence Squadron; 694th Support Squadron; OL AF 70th Intelligence Wing; OL BF 70th Intelligence Wing; OL CF 70th Intelligence Wing; OL DF 70th Intelligence

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photo by TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

Fort Meade Top Three President MSgt. Robin Manning recites the NCO creed with master sergeant selectees during the July 31 Senior NCO induction ceremony at Club Meade.

Top Three welcomes future senior NCOs during induction ceremony

By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday
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During solemn ceremonies July 31, local technical sergeants recently selected for promotion to master sergeant, were the guests of honor for a senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony at Club Meade.

CMSgt. Alan Dowling, Air Intelligence Agency command chief master sergeant, was the guest speaker for the event. The induction ceremony, as well as a three-day seminar preceding the ceremony, were sponsored by the Fort Meade Top Three.

Guests of honor were: Vincent Gaus, Kevin McFarland and Terry Rillo, 70th Intelligence Wing operating location; Jennifer

Bonfigli, William Corrigan, Paul Martindale, Michael Simmons, Marty Summann, Keith Verble and Donald Wilton, 22nd Intelligence Squadron; Ravindra Baddeliyanage, Jeffrey Delafleur, Kimberly Doby, Stevie Herrin, Brent Jameson, Gregory Polizzi and Charlene Strong, 29th IS; Joseph House, 32nd IS; Anthony Sadzewicz and Aubrey Wagner, 91st IS; Jasper James and Cassandra Knight, 94th IS; Rafael Carbungco and Leroy Forbes, 694th Support Squadron; Dwayne Anderson, Paul Cannavo and Todd Priester, Air Force Cryptologic Office; Christine Orrell and Thomas Peirson, 22nd Information Operations Squadron, Detachment 1; Bryan Spann and Jason White, Defense Information School;

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Teamwork among Services makes Meade unique assignment

By Col. James O. Poss
Commander
70th Intelligence Wing

Fort Meade is a unique community. We are most fortunate to have Col. John Ives, U.S. Army, as our installation commander. While Fort Meade may not be officially listed as an Air Force base, Col. Ives and his staff work tirelessly to make sure that we have access to the same services that we would at any other Air Force base. Additionally, we work with NSA and other services to improve the quality of life for everyone stationed here.

One of the main projects you will notice that required a lot of cooperation from the various parties at Fort Meade is the new dining hall. The civil engineers, under the command of Col. Kathryn Gauthier, 694th Intelligence Group commander, and Lt. Col. John Kaplan, have conducted extensive coordination with their Army and Navy counterparts to get this project up and running. This will be one of the most noticeable improvements to the quality of life here,



Col. James O. Poss

especially for our young, single enlisted troops.

On the safety front, we work hand-in-hand with our Army hosts. Seat-belt checks, checking motorcycle riders for the proper equipment, and sobriety checks are the most common. With the end of

summer, there are fewer daylight hours. The reduction in visibility during driving hours makes visibility a prime consideration for motorcycle riders. Additionally, there is an increase in the probability of auto accidents, so it is imperative to be buckled up. Finally, many people will be drinking while they watch their favorite football teams (namely the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles and New Orleans Saints); remember to drink responsibly and have a designated driver.

As we continue forward in the Global War on Terror and securing the peace in Iraq, we must continually work with NSA civilians and service members from all the military branches. This teamwork and cooperation also takes place throughout Fort Meade on a daily basis. From the Air Force folks working in the 9800 area to our Army hosts, there are hundreds of people working to ensure we have the facilities, services and security necessary to perform our jobs. Whether you work in our operational mission or our support mission, you are all performing an equally important job for our nation's defense.

Commander's Action Line

A direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander

The action line is a monthly column designed to address the questions and concerns of members of the 70th Intelligence Wing.

The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the chain of command, inspector general, chaplain, or other professional means.

Try to resolve issues and problems at the lowest level possible. If you feel you are not getting satisfactory results, you may direct your

concern to this forum.

Questions and concerns must be accompanied by a complete name, phone number or e-mail address for official responses. For privacy concerns, names will be withheld from newsprint on request. All Action Line items will receive the commander's attention. Action items can be brought into the public affairs office in building 9805, room 222 or e-mailed to 70iw.pa@ft-meade.af.mil.

Also, look for an Action Line link on the 70 IW web page.



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Chief of Staff says get fit to fight

Expect changes to fitness program in 2004

By Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff
Washington, D.C.

Our superb total force performance in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom secured our reputation as the greatest Air Force in the world. We should all take great pride in that.

Our execution of the war plan was also consistent with our core values. Integrity, in that we upheld the highest standards of performance, learned from the things we could have done better, and will make ourselves better as a result; service before self, in that 40,000 warriors deployed forward, supported by thousands more back home, to do the right thing for the people of Iraq and to play our part in the joint air, land, and sea effort; and excellence, in that we demonstrated the ability to plan and execute air and space missions with a degree of precision never before achieved.

When looking at our Air Force overall, I am very pleased. One aspect of our total force that does need improvement, however, is our physical fitness.

About 10 years ago, we transitioned to fitness testing based on the cycle ergometry test. This was done to preclude injuries experienced in the previous 1.5-mile run format. It was also deemed a more precise and high-tech way to measure aerobic performance. My belief is that we are a much different Air Force today. We deploy to all regions of the world, living in tent cities and working on flight lines in extremes of temperatures. Some of our airmen today are operating from inside Iraq, subject to attack, and could be called upon to help defend the base, a trend that will surely increase in the growing expeditionary nature of our business.

The amount of energy we devote to our fitness programs is not consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture. It's time to change that.

We will soon release a new fitness

program that gets back to the basics of running, situps, and pushups. There will be accommodations made for those who aren't able to run for legitimate reasons. The cycle ergometry test may still be used for those not medically cleared to run.

We are planning to issue physical training gear as part of the program and to put responsibility for PT in the chain of command, not with the medical community or the commander's support staff. I expect this effort to be led from the top, starting with commanders and senior NCOs, and I expect those who have trouble meeting the standards to be helped by others in their unit until they do meet the standard.

Physical fitness should also be an area of concern for the Air Force civil servants. I encourage the civilian members of our Air Force organizations to join with their uniformed peers in participating in this program.

While we have weight and body fat standards that we must meet, there will be some, weightlifters in particular, who may be perfectly fit but not meet these standards.

This is where I expect commanders to step in and make a decision. Everyone will have to pass the commander's eyeball test about how fit we are to wear the uniform. Every year we muster out about 400 people from our Air Force because of fitness issues.

We should ask ourselves how many of those people were really trying to meet the standard and how many leaders and supervisors took an active part — getting out and running with them, etc. — in helping them meet the standard.

We will start this program Jan. 1, 2004, so there is plenty of time for us to get ready. You can use me as a benchmark. I am currently recovering from abdominal surgery and am not allowed to run for another two weeks. I won't be able to do any sit-ups for another month. During the first week in January I plan to lead all Air Force general officers in the



Gen. John Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

Pentagon and the Washington, D.C., area in the PT test.

During the same week, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Murray will do the same thing with our command chiefs in the area. We will follow that with the colonels, the remaining chief master sergeants, etc. We will ask the MAJCOM commanders to lead similar efforts as their operational situations allow.

I think all of us can agree that we were disappointed with the fitness standards we found when we came into the operational Air Force.

We expected to be required to sustain the standards required in basic training, the Air Force Academy, ROTC, or Officer Training School. Let's not disappoint ourselves any longer.

The message is simple: if you are out of shape, fix it. If you have people in your squadron who need help, help them. January 2004 is the date. Be ready.

Editor's Note: This article was taken from the Chief's Sight Picture, a feature of the Air Force Link, dated July 30, 2003.

29th IS welcomes new commander

Lt. Col. Donna Rogers took command of the 29th Intelligence Squadron, during ceremonies July 21 at the McGill Community Center Ballroom at Fort Meade.

Rogers assumed command from Lt. Col. Joseph DiNuovo, with Col. Kathryn Gauthier, 694th Intelligence Group commander, officiating.

Rogers comes to the 29th IS from the Pentagon where she served as the chief of the Air force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Strategy, Concepts and Doctrine Division at Headquarters Air Force.

She and her husband, Richard, have three children.

DiNuovo heads to Beale AFB, Calif., where he will be the deputy group commander for the 548th Intelligence Group.



Significance of insignia

The quill pen superimposed over the sword represents "the pen is mightier than the sword." This shows the value of intelligence in warfighting. The knight represents the 29th's proud origin and heritage. The lightning bolt represents the unit's mission - intelligence. The globe represents the 24-hour-worldwide mission.

History of change of command

The change of command is rooted in military history dating back to the 18th Century during the reign of King Frederick the Great of Prussia. During that time, organizational flags were developed with color arrangements and symbols unique to each particular unit. To this flag, and its commander, the soldiers of the unit would dedicate their loyalty and trust. When a change in command was to take place, the outgoing commander would pass the flag to the individual assuming command. This gesture was accomplished in front of the unit so that all could witness their new leader assume command. He who controlled the flag held the allegiance of the soldiers who served under that flag. This tradition has survived through military history. The change in position and the salute exchange between outgoing and incoming commander symbolize the transfer of command at this solemn military ceremony.



photo by TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

Lt. Col. Donna Rogers accepts the 29th IS guidon during change of command ceremonies July 21. At left is Col. Kathryn Gauthier, 694th Intelligence Group commander.

Fort Meade & 694th team up to offer new, improved pregnancy class

By A1C Veronica Jacoby
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The 694th Intelligence Group, in conjunction with the Army Community Services Center, has teamed up to offer a pregnancy education class, "Babease Boot Camp."

Classes are offered every other month at Club Meade and involve a day-long, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seminar for new or expectant parents. Participants learn about nutrition and exercise during pregnancy, the military regulations regarding the maternity uniform, the capitol city area resources available to expectant mothers, child/infant care and safety, available childcare resources, financial budgeting, and tips for establishing a routine for the newborn.

The current "Babease Boot Camp" is a modification of the original course developed in the late 1980s by personnel at the 22nd Intelligence Squadron. The course was stopped in 1991 due to personnel moves and then reactivated in 1998 with the support of the unit advisory counsel.

MSgt. Cindy McCullough, now the 70th Intelligence Wing career advisor, was one of the original founders of the program after the need for more information for expectant parents was identified almost 20 years ago.

The original course was offered at the Eagle Fitness Center for all service

personnel assigned in support of the National Security Agency Mission.

In January 2003, Ms. Louann Engle, Family Advocacy Prevention Coordinator for Army Community Services requested that the 22nd's pregnancy course be expanded and offered at a location on post where anyone could attend.

From there, a working group was formed, and additional content was added to the pregnancy course. The first combined course was offered

March 25 with 35 people attending.

Various speakers from the capital city area speak during the workshop on issues relating to pregnancy and newborn care.

Ms. Jan Sumi from Fort Meade Child Care Services discusses the different kinds of childcare available, be it in-home or agency, and the priority access codes given to each family.

Mr. Roy Bolton provides a financial "Budgeting for Baby" briefing to help first-time parents prepare for the extra expenses that come with raising a child.

A short car seat safety video is shown to emphasize the importance of its use, and the sometimes-fatal consequences of misuse. Participants are then split into groups based on military service affiliation. A service-specific briefing is provided on uniform requirements and specific regulations governing pregnancy.

McCullough further explains about the childcare services offered on the NSA campus of Fort Meade and off-post childcare services, contracts, interviewing techniques and areas to focus when seeking a home daycare provider. TSgt. Beatty explains the Basic Assistance Program and specific Air Force guidance.

After lunch TSgt. Brook Miller, from the Eagle Health and Wellness Center, provides a briefing on nutritional needs during



photo by TSgt. Kristina Brown

A member of the ACS team gives some pointers on caring for newborns.

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pregnancy, and Ms. Patrice Andrews, also from the HAWC, provides education about appropriate exercise routines to maintain muscle tone and enhance a quick recovery post delivery while pregnant.

Andrews encourages participants to attend the pregnancy aerobics class being offered each Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle Fitness Center as well.

Ms. Beth Anderson gives a short presentation on pediatric/adolescent gastroesophageal reflux — a rare but frustrating and

sometimes very harmful ailment.

Ms. Beverly Byron, Montgomery County's shaken baby and family violence prevention program director, discusses the tragic effects of shaking an infant or small child.

The last speaker of the day is Maj. Robie Hughes, HAWC chief, who provides a briefing on techniques to promote the establishment of a consistent wake, sleep and feeding routine for the newborn.

To register for the class, call the Army Community Services office at (301) 677-5590.

Improve ergo score with cycling

courtesy of
Eagle Health and Wellness Center

Cycling classes have been known to improve ergometry testing scores.

In a recent study, Air Force members enrolled in the Self-Directed Fitness Improvement Program and the Monitored Fitness Improvement Program at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, who participated in cycling classes three times a week for six weeks, improved their ergometry score by an average of five points.

Through the joint efforts of the Health and Wellness Center and the Eagle Fitness Center, these same cycling classes are offered here.

In addition to improved ergo scores, there are also several other cycling benefits. Cycling enhances cardiovascular endurance (the amount of oxygen delivered to muscles while you work), which helps reduce the risk of heart disease. Some of the other benefits are:

- * Decreased resting heart rate and blood pressure
- * Decreased blood lipids like cholesterol and triglycerides
- * Decreased recovery time after exercise
- * Increased cardiac muscle strength and oxygen-carrying capacity to the body
- * Maintenance of ideal body weight

"Cycling is a safe and efficient way to burn calories and can be less painful on the joints than jogging," TSgt. Brooke Miller, NCOIC for nutrition programs at the HAWC, said.

"This class is great for the physically challenged beginner or the old pro that has worked out for years. You control how difficult the workout is for you, by increasing the intensity of the cycle.

If you are an individual who likes upbeat music, a good cardio workout, and wants to burn a lot of calories, then this is the class for you."

Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon and 3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15 a.m. and 4 p.m.



photo by TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

As part of the monthly fitness incentive events, July featured a Tour de Eagle, where squadrons rode the exercise bikes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The squadrons whose riders rode the most miles won prizes.

Join the fun!

Cycle Spin Classes

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

6:15 a.m. & 4 p.m.



photos by TSgt. Steven Fryer

TSgt. James Hackett and SSgt. Jared Earl take advantage of the treadmills in place at the new fitness area.

Misawa troops take advantage of new fitness room

Latest addition improves quality of life

By 1st Lt. Ruth Morgan

Misawa Security Operations Center
Misawa AB, Japan

When Brig. Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander, visited the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center (now the Misawa Security Operations Center) May 14, he had the opportunity to cut the ribbon on its newest fitness room.

"This is the just latest improvement of many planned for the men and women who work around the clock in our facilities," MSgt. Ken Bennett, said. Bennett was responsible for planning and building the fitness area, dubbed "Mac's Gym" for Col. Colton McKethan, 70th Intelligence Wing vice commander, who pushed to move the fitness room from dream to reality.

In order to support PACAF's Fit To Win program and keep his intelligence warriors physically fit, Col. Fred Gortler, MSOC commander, stepped up efforts to improve the quality of life for all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and civilians working in the complex. Efforts

began in November 2002 with small renovations and gathering secondhand equipment. The first area opened Jan. 6.

In its first month, the fitness area brought in more than 500 people. Recognizing the need for growth, Gortler challenged Bennett to build and equip a bigger, better fitness facility to meet the needs of the site.

The MSOC received \$23,000 from the 70th Intelligence Wing for aerobics equipment; \$10,000 for self-help funds to renovate a bathroom into a ladies locker room from Air Combat Command, and \$38,000 worth of surplus equipment from the 35th Fighter Wing, the MSOC's host unit.

The new facility opened, and within three weeks, more than 500 people had utilized the area.

"This allows shift

workers and all site personnel to perform at a higher level, stay sharp, and relieve stress, without having to leave the building or brave the winter weather," Gortler said.

"Those here a year ago would not recognize the place," Bennett said. "From the flagpole to personal fitness, we are improving the facility to enhance everyone's quality of life."



SSgt. Erin Jaussaud works out in the new MSOC fitness area.

Four from wing earn Sijan awards

By TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs
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Four 70th Intelligence Wing members have been selected as winners of the 2003 Lance P. Sijan Award.

The award recognizes two officers and two enlisted members who demonstrate the highest qualities of leadership in their jobs and in their lives.

The Sijan award is named for Capt. Lance P. Sijan, the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor. Sijan was shot down over North Vietnam in Nov. 9, 1967. He was flying in the backseat of an F-4 and his plane was hit and then exploded. He had a skull fracture, mangled right hand with three fingers bent back to the wrist and a compound fracture of his left leg and he survived in the jungle for 45 days with little or no food or water before being captured.

On March 4, 1976, President Gerald Ford awarded the Medal of Honor to Sijan for his "extraordinary heroism and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at the cost of his life."

Receiving the Sijan Awards from the 70th are: Maj. William Bessemer, Senior Officer Category; Capt. Thomas Wofford, Junior Officer Category; SMSgt. Pete Rich, Senior Enlisted Category; and TSgt. Cheri Ebbrecht, Junior Enlisted Category. More information about each of these individuals and highlights of some of the responsibilities and dedication to service and people that led to this prestigious award includes:

Senior Officer Category

Maj. William G. Bessemer is the commander of the Joint Information Systems Flight, assigned to the 373rd Support Squadron at Misawa AB, Japan. As commander, he leads 80 Air Force, Navy and civilian members. He directs communications, computer and information management services in support of the 760-person joint Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center (recently

renamed Misawa Security Operations Center), valued at \$1 billion. He also oversees secure voice, 24-hour message processing, system administration, Network Control Center, computer security, small computer requirements and maintenance.

During his tour to Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, he was the CENTAF chief for Information Assurance. There he led a joint nine-member team for all computer security, web administration, firewall management and the daily operations, repair and tracking of all warfighting communications equipment for 35 deployed sites in southwest Asia.

His community involvement includes volunteering with the Booster Club and Knights of Columbus, plus serving Thanksgiving Day meals to troops, and dedicating his time regularly at the Airmen's Attic. He also has two master's degrees and is currently pursuing bachelor's courses in Japanese culture and language to better communicate with his host country.

Junior Officer Category

Capt. Thomas Wofford is the director of Operations for the 31st Intelligence Squadron at Fort Gordon, Ga. He is responsible for the unit's participation in U.S. Central Command intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions and National Tactical Integration Flight support to a host of national and tactical-level customers located throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. "He possesses unmatched dedication, drive and expertise for a young officer," Lt. Col. Phillip Osborne, wrote in Wofford's nomination package. "He gets the tough jobs and succeeds."

A portion of Wofford's job includes supervising 67 enlisted members and three company grade officers, overseeing an operation budget of \$75,000. Wofford also leverages information ops conducted by Gordon Regional Security Operations Center and coalition partners to provide

near real-time intelligence for threat warning and target identification.

There's no doubt that Wofford has made taking care of people a top priority. His community involvement includes: serving junior Air Force members for the squadron's annual Thanksgiving celebration as well as the Christmas Eve Fest, where he cooked and served turkey for all multiservice members working mid-shifts Christmas eve. He also gets involved with unit fundraisers, including car washes, bake sales and pie tosses. His nomination package also included a quote from Col. James Poss, 70th Intelligence Wing commander, who said, "You helped win the war and still took care of your people."

Senior Enlisted Category

SMSgt. Peter Rich was the 70th Intelligence Wing career assistance advisor at Fort Meade, Md. He is currently the deputy chief for the 694th Intelligence Group Plans, Programs and Readiness Directorate. As the career assistance advisor, he served as the principle advisor to the wing commander on retention issues that affect the enlisted corps of three subordinate groups. He also provides career guidance and assistance to more than 5,000 members assigned to four geographically separated locations.

"This wing's number one advocate for the Air Force way of life," Poss said in Rich's nomination package. "He's a visible, enthusiastic motivator." In his CAA position, he was a regular speaker for First Term Airmen Center, Airman Leadership School and Professional Development Course classes – always motivating, preparing and encouraging young airmen with retention and benefit facts. But Rich's work didn't stop there, as he visited all work centers wing-wide and "connected with troops on their home turf," according to his nomination package. He also developed trifold cards on education, commissioning and reenlistment and revamped his existing

trifolds on assignments, retraining and retirements for on-line access Air Force-wide.

Rich is also actively involved with the local Air Force Sergeants Association chapter, Top Three and the base chapel. He was also the coordinator for the 2002 Air Force Birthday Ball at Fort Meade. "He sets the standard for senior NCO involvement and interest in the development of our future enlisted corps," Poss said.

Junior Enlisted Category

TSgt. Cheri Ebbrecht is the chief of Executive Services for the 694th Intelligence Group at Fort Meade. In her job, she tracks leave, suspenses and taskings for six squadrons, in order to brief during the commander's weekly staff meetings. She is also the orchestrator for the group's quarterly and annual awards

programs. "My right hand," Col. Kathryn Gauthier, 694th IG commander, wrote in Ebbrecht's nomination package. "She is the single most important individual in efficient flow of information correspondence records throughout AIA's largest group – 2,800 members and 14 geographically separated operating locations."

She was recently the 70th IW representative for the 8th Air Force in Air Combat Command's Sword Bearer open leadership forum – voice for the enlisted. She also finds time to mentor, advising First Term Airmen Center airmen about challenges facing dual military couples. Her husband, TSgt. John Ebbrecht is assigned to the 22nd Intelligence Squadron. Ebbrecht also played a key role in the group and many squadron changes of command, as well as ribbon cutting ceremonies.

She recently completed her bachelor's degree in computer studies. Her community involvement includes spearheading the group holiday project to collect and deliver clothes and toys to a local homeless shelter and teaching Sunday school for first graders at the base chapel. She also volunteers with the Fort Meade Key Spouses Group and organized volunteers for three USO deployment care package drives that collected more than 1,500 boxes of goods for troops.

"One of the top two NCOs I've seen in 22 years," Gauthier said. "Far above peers in leadership, talent and energy."

These four individuals will now compete for honors at the Air Combat Command level.

Editor's Note: Information about Capt. Lance Sijan was taken from an article written by retired Lt. Col. Fred Meurer for Airman magazine in June 1977.

Family tradition of Air Force excellence

By TSgt. Amanda Holland

Misawa Security Operations Center
Misawa AB, Japan

MSgt. Theresa Chan and SrA Anthony Herrera have more than one thing in common. Both Chan, a member of the 35th Medical Group, and Herrera, a member of the 373d Intelligence Group, are both assigned to Misawa Air Base, both have won their group's quarterly award category, and - they're brother and sister. When Herrera enlisted in the Air Force in May 1999, he was ecstatic to learn his first assignment would be in Misawa with his sister.

Most people didn't make the connection between the two early on, not only because of their different last names, but also because they work in geographically separated units. "We only get together once in awhile," Herrera said.

"That's because he likes to hang around the younger crowd," Chan jokingly added.

It's obvious these two are close, despite their 18-year age difference.

So close in fact, that it carries over into their professional lives. Herrera won the 373rd Airman of the Quarter, while his sister, won the 35th Medical Group Senior NCO of the Quarter, both for the first quarter of 2003.

Chan credits their father, an Air Force retiree, for instilling the service before self-attitude in the family. "There's 18 years

between us, but I can tell that Papa brought him up with the same standards and expectations he brought me up in."

Chan and Herrera have five other siblings who have been in the Air Force, two are still on active duty.

One look at Chan and Herrera confirms that.



SrA Anthony Herrera, at right, and his sister, MSgt. Theresa Chan, at left, have more in common than both being stationed at Misawa AB, Japan.

photo by TSgt. Steven Fryer

Official christening

Name changes to reflect evolving mission

By TSgt. Amanda Holland

Misawa Security Operations Center
Misawa AB, Japan

The Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center became the Misawa Security Operations Center during an official christening ceremony July 21.

The renaming more accurately reflects the MSOC's evolving mission. Wayne Riegel, Defense Special Representative, Japan, was guest speaker

for the event.

In honor of their contributions to Security Hill, planks were presented to all those who have contributed to the MSOC. The presenting of planks is a Naval tradition in which those involved in commissioning a ship are given planks from that ship.

Col. Fred W. Gortler III, MSOC commander, presented plankowner certificates to Riegel, Col. Donald Weckhorst, Misawa AB's vice wing

commander, Captain Radloff, Misawa Naval Air Facility commanding officer and several guests from Fort Meade.

Misawa's Security Hill has a proud heritage and has undergone significant changes during the past 50 years, but none as dramatic as the transformation that began in 2002.

"One year ago, the joint workforce of the then Misawa Cryptologic Operations

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Cdr. Jim Brokaw, Misawa Security Operations Center vice commander and NSGA commander, and Col. Fred Gortler, MSOC and 373rd Intelligence Group commander, unveil a new sign, officially redesignating the MSOC, formerly the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center.

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Center was faced with a choice." Gortler said. "We could keep looking in the rearview mirror...or we could look at the road that lay ahead. That decision was easy."

"This ceremony marked a rebirth during the 50th anniversary year of our presence on Security Hill." The MSOC provides critical assistance to the 35th Fighter Wing and others who may need help during search and rescue efforts and supports theater and national commanders with secure command and control communications.

In recent years, the MSOC's mission has evolved to maintain pace with the rapidly changing geo-political environment, military threats, and, of course, communications technology.

Members of the Misawa Security Operations Center cut the first slices of cake during the christening ceremony. From left, are: CW2 Gary Carmean, 403rd MI Det. commander; Joseph Davis, MSOC chief of staff; Col. Fred Gortler, MSOC and 373rd Intelligence Group commander; and Cdr. Jim Brokaw, NSGA commander and MSOC vice commander.



Inspector general's office means fair treatment

By Lt. Col. Marvin Joplin
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Have you ever wondered what the inspector general program means to you? The IG program was established by Title 10, United States Code and AFD 90-3. The Air Force wants all personnel to receive fair and equitable treatment and the IG program is one way to ensure that.

The military IG has traditionally served as "an extension of the eyes, ears, and conscience of the commander." But since 1978, its primary responsibility has been to guarantee the existence of a viable, fair, and integrity-filled process that provides impartial and responsive complaint and fraud, waste, and abuse investigations. Other responsibilities include educating Air Force members and commanders regarding rights of and protection for those contacting an IG.

One such protection is protection from reprisal and is defined by U.S.C. Title 10 Section 1034, the "Military Whistleblower Protection Act." Let me provide some definitions and thoughts contained in this important statute.

A *protected disclosure* occurs when an individual conducts any lawful communication with a member of Congress, inspector general, or audit agency. We all need to be aware that certain actions, if they

follow and result from a protected disclosure, may constitute reprisal. Reprisal is when an unfavorable personnel action is taken or threatened; or when a favorable action is withheld or threatened to be withheld against an individual because they've made a protected disclosure.

Examples of Reprisal could include but are not limited to:

- A change or cancellation of assignment in response to filing a Congressional complaint
- Downgrade of an evaluation or award as a result of communicating with the IG
- Movement to a position of less responsibility for making a protected disclosure

Normally the IG does not get involved in reprisal complaints filed by civilian employees; however, visits to the office by civilian employees are always welcome and the IG will provide advice on the proper channels of appeal. For example, if a civilian employee alleges reprisal, it can be appealed to the Merit Systems Protection Board.

We always encourage using the chain of command to resolve problems—usually it is the quickest, most efficient way to resolve a problem. Remember, your chain of command has a vested interest in working your problems. But, without doubt the IG program is always there for you.

Editor's Note: The 70th IW/IG office is located in Bldg. 9805, Rm. 221. For more information on the IG program, call 301-677-0366.

Motorcycles don't kill people; people kill people

By Master Sgt. Ty Foster
21st Space Wing Public Affairs
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Last year, I wrote an article about motorcycle safety entitled "What were they thinking?" I should have called it "Why weren't they thinking?"

For as many years as I've been a rider, even longer, I've been concerned about motorcycle safety.

Two months before I bought my first bike, a motorcycle passed me on the right as I was turning right. As his bike crashed into the side of my parents' 1970 Chevy pickup, everything turned to slow motion. He flew 30 feet through the air right over the hood of the truck. Two other motorcyclists waiting to turn at the intersection watched in dismay as this human projectile hurled toward them and his mangled bike careened their way.

He landed face-up and unconscious underneath the nearest bike and his right leg had a gash so severe I thought it had been severed. Pulling the bike off of him, I looked at his helmet-less head. His face, cut by my rearview mirror, was lacerated from the top of his forehead to the tip of his nose – blood pooled over his closed eyes.

His motorcycle ended up in the ditch 10 feet away. The Hamm's beer that had been between his legs as he began his impatient pass, was in the grass near my parents' truck. His name, I had learned, was Ricky Hicks and he was alive.

I met him – under better circumstances – about a year later. It had taken about 300 stitches to fix his wounds and he almost did lose his leg. He told me it wasn't my fault, he was drunk, and had done a stupid thing. Why wasn't he thinking?

I was 18 years old. I'm 42 now, and I can remember that wreck like it happened yesterday.

Between then and now, I've logged tens of thousands of miles on motorcycles. I've taught motorcycle safety at eight sites in two states to more than 650 people. I've written countless articles, conducted workshops, inspections, and demonstrations in an effort to stem the red tide of Air Force motorcycle deaths and injuries.

But it hasn't worked.

On April 10, two riders were on a divided highway with a posted speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour – that's about 31 mph. Rider No. 1 zipped between two cars at a high rate of speed. As he entered a gradual curve, his motorcycle began to lose control. He skidded for 198 feet on both tires in places, hit the median, was ejected from the bike, and collided with an on-coming vehicle. He was dragged 30 feet and tumbled another 103 feet. Rider No. 2 watched his friend die.

Rider No. 1 had just picked his bike up from the shop for brake problems resulting from a result of a previous mishap. He'd attended motorcycle safety training about 18 months earlier.

Why wasn't he thinking?

Another Air Force rider and his buddy were out for a ride May 24 on a new road. There were no street lights, minimal street markings, and neither rider had driven it before. At a speed in excess of 60 mph – posted 45 mph – an unannounced curve sneaked up on them. Rider No. 1 applied his brakes hard, rider No. 2 swerved around rider No. 1 who struck the curb and went airborne. Two hundred twenty two feet later the dust began to settle on the mangled bike. This rider No. 2 also watched his friend die. Neither rider was wearing the required protective gear.

Why weren't they thinking?

On June 1, an Air Force motorcyclist and a passenger were doing about 120 mph in a 60-mph zone down a divided four-lane highway. Approaching a curve, the front tire left the pavement edge. They crashed in the grass median and were launched about 500 feet. The operator lived whereas the passenger suffered traumatic head injuries and later died. They'd been at a party, went on a beer run while the designated drivers were taking people home. Neither wore the required protective gear.

Why didn't they think?

I'd recount more of these tragic losses, but it makes me sick to read them, to envision their final realities. Last year, we lost 16 airmen in fatal motorcycle crashes – Class A mishaps – Air Force wide. This year, we've already lost 20. Two of those 20 were Air Force Space Command's own.

Unfortunately, more will die.

I've realized there is no panacea – no cure-all to eliminate the deaths of Air Force motorcyclists. As involved in their rider's lives as supervisors and commanders can be, they can't make the decision – it's on the rider. For when riders decide to straddle their bikes, start them, shift into gear, and roll onto the road, they've accepted the risk *and* the responsibility for whatever may occur. Their split-second decision to speed up, slow down, swerve, or not to ride after a drink of alcohol is in their hands – or, rather it is in their heads.

Some people think we motorcyclists have an attitude. I think they're right. I just wish the attitude every one of us had were the same as that of Gen. Lance Lord, Commander of Air Force Space Command, "Safety is an attitude – get one!"

If they did, they'd probably live to ride a lot longer.

Topic: *Special Duty Assignments, a break from the every-day ho-hums*



photo by TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

MSgt. Cindy McCullough, the new 70th Intelligence Wing career advisor, will be featured regularly in the Eagle. Each time, a new topic involving Air Force careers will be discussed.

You'll never know - unless you try

By MSgt. Cindy McCullough
694th Intelligence Group
Fort Meade, Md.

Did you know that the Air Force has more than 50 special duty assignments listed on the Air Force Personnel Center web page, url: <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/procedures/specat.htm>

You can apply for anything from an Air Force special operations medic to a manager for space shuttle training. Of course, some of these special duty assignments require you to have prior experience (read: specific Air Force specialty codes), but there are many assignments that individuals from any AFSC may apply to fill. Some of the better-known SDAs include: recruiter duty (8R000), first sergeant (8F000), and enlisted professional military education instructor (8T000).

What exactly is a special duty assignment? It's an opportunity for you to work outside of your current AFSC, normally for a three-year period. Why would you or the Air Force want you to have a special duty assignment? First, you bring to your new assignment the knowledge and experiences you gained from your previous AFSC and the assignment affords you the opportunity to see the Air Force

from a different perspective and often allows you to share and give back some of the expertise you've gained while serving in the military. Another reason to consider an SDA is the opportunity to PCS to a location that may not normally be available for your current AFSC.

How do you apply? Your first stop should be the AFPC SPECAT assignment page listed above. Each SDA will list the specific job qualifications.

Keep in mind, if you are currently in a critically-manned AFSC, you may not be able to be released from your current AFSC, but then again...if you don't ask, you'll never know. After you find a special duty assignment that interests you, check out the Equal Plus listing on the AFPC web page for openings.

Once you find the right job and opening for you, then follow the application process listed in the advertisement and work with the Military Personnel Flight staff to process your application.

For more information about special duty assignments or anything else related to your Air Force career, call me at (301) 677-0371 or DSN 622-0371, email me at cindy.mccullough@ft.meade.af.mil or stop by my office, Bldg. 9801, Rm. 126A.

Eagle Warrior



SSgt. David Wooddell
694th Support Squadron
NCOIC, Civil Engineering,
Facilities Manager

Years of service: 7 years

Hometown: Tyler, Texas

Family: Married 10 months to Michelle

Primary duties and responsibilities:

Management and maintenance programs for 13 facilities and 14 acres supporting the 694th Intelligence Group, 70th Intelligence Wing and National Security Agency missions. Enhance quality-of-life for more than 5,000 multi-service and civilian personnel through small construction and beautification projects.

Most rewarding job aspect: Taking care of my airmen, command and other service members.

Goals: I am working to complete the last few requirements to submit a package to the Airmen Education and Commissioning Program Board. If selected, I will work for two more years to complete an aerospace engineering degree at Texas A&M University before being commissioned as an Air Force officer.

Hobbies: Working on cars, playing intramural sports and staying involved in personal fitness programs.

I'm most proud of: I feel I've made a difference by making sure 500 personnel in the 70th and 694th have comfortable and safe living quarters and workplaces. I'm also proud of organizing a mass snow removal effort through the entire winter and spring of 2003 so that mission work never stopped during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

My best asset: Adaptability! Even though I was successful as a Vietnamese linguist for the first 4½ years of my Air Force career, I have since been a shift supervisor at the 70th IW Readiness Center, dormitory manager for the 694th Intelligence Group and NCOIC 694th SPTS Civil Engineering.

70th Intelligence Wing salutes ...

Airman Leadership School Graduates, Class 2003-F, 2003-G

Class 2003-G

29th Intelligence Squadron

Leilani Alba

Jason Sarver

Nikema Shelton

94th Intelligence Squadron

Joshua Comroe

Richard Donahue

Regan Taylor

James Sater

91st Intelligence Squadron

David Edwards

22nd Intelligence Squadron

Stuart Blankenship

Brian Boswell

Dawn Christenson

Timothy Harris Jr.

Michael Hobson

Vernon Humble

Misty Kinsey

Tomi Loos

Tai Son

Jason Stanton

Jennifer Tucker

Kristopher Tucker

Eric Vesper

Charles Winfield

Jennifer Wyles

Nicole Monzon

Naomi Pavlik

Lisa Rose

Detachment 1,

23rd Intelligence

Operations Squadron

Ryan Short

694th Support Squadron

Timothy Sinkler

Robert Soliz

32nd Intelligence Squadron

Jennifer Szopinski

Bridgett Maisttison

Justin Peters

Class 2003-G

Academic Achievement

Michael Zopfi,

94th Intelligence Squadron

Leadership Award

Michael Zopfi,

94th Intelligence Squadron

Distinguished Graduate

Carol Frail,

22nd Intelligence Squadron

John Levitow Award

Misty West,

22nd Intelligence Squadron

22nd Intelligence Squadron

Justin Cueto

Carol Frail

Tristan Rivera

Brian Shiles

Patrick Collins

Jennifer David

Heather Lachmund

Robbie Normand

Misty West

29th Intelligence Squadron

Erin Delaney

Brandon Seay

32nd Intelligence Squadron

Kelly Pyle

Jerde Quattlebaum

Jacqueline Walker

Jerome Warrick

Tamela Pratt

91st Intelligence Squadron

William Tegeler

94th Intelligence Squadron

Michael Zopfi

694th Support Squadron

Amber Abramowski

Jennifer Zeigler

Shasta Bagwell

Detachment 1,

23rd Intelligence Operations Squadron

Jeffrey Sapolis

Jewel Ward

Marcus Perry



Above: Class 2003-F and below, Class 2003-G.





CM Sgt. Jerry Gething, on behalf of the Chiefs' Group, says a few words to the quarterly award winners from the 694th Intelligence Group, during a luncheon held in honor of the quarterly award winners at Club Meade.

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TSgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

Recognition

Quarterly Awards

70th IW Communications & Information
3AXXX Airman

SrA. Yomarelis Perez
93rd IS

70th IW Communications & Information
3CXXX Airman

SrA. Bryan C. Wolfe
93rd IS

70th IW Communications & Information
3AXXX NCO

SSgt. Nathan C. Furgurson
694th SPTS

70th IW Communications & Information
3CXXX NCO

SSgt. Andrew M. Hudson
93rd IS

70th IW Communications & Information
3AXXX SNCO

MSgt. Tyrone V. Jones
70th IW

70th IW Communications & Information

3CXXX SNCO

MSgt. Christopher R. Chevalier
70th IW

70th IW Communications & Information
CGO

Capt. Walter T. Coryell
70th IW

373rd SPTS Airman

SrA. Anthony F. Herrera

373rd SPTS NCO

SSgt. Richard A. White

373rd SPTS SNCO

SMSgt. Mark T. McEuen

373rd SPTS CGO

Capt. Stephen C. Paine

32nd IS Airman

A1C Nicole Oppido

32nd IS NCO

SSgt. Mark Avery

32nd IS SNCO

MSgt. Kevin Bailey

32nd IS CGO

1st Lt. Jacquelynn Kennedy

70th IW Staff & Wing CGO

Capt. Walter Coryell

70th IW Staff SNCO

MSgt. Walter Assur

70th IW Staff NCO

SSgt. Jason Vottero

70th IW Staff Airman

SrA. Maria Lancaster

70th IW Staff NCO

TSgt. Dion Butler

70th IW Staff SNCO

SMSgt. Robert Thomas

70th IW Staff CGO

Capt. Renee Toy

70th IW Staff Jr. Civilian

Corinne Whitworth

70th IW Staff Sr. Civilian
Sandy Larimore

694th IG Airman
SrA. Nicole Oppido
32nd IS

694th IG NCO
TSgt. Jackielee Smith, Jr.
29th IS

694th IG SNCO
MSgt. Raymond Irizarry
29th IS

694th IG CGO
1st Lt. Paul Holup
94th IS

694th IG Honor Guard Member
SSgt. John McMahon IV
22nd IS

694th IG Civilian
Susan Reeves
694th SPTS

Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal
Lt. Col. Robert Cabell
Maj. David Layfield

Air Force Achievement Medal
SSgt. Kylan Adams

Promotions

SrA Below-the-Zone
A1C Nicole Oppido
32nd IS

Technical sergeant
336th Training Squadron
Tawana Reeves

94th IS
Robert Barrowman
James Beamon
Lee Heinrich
Klinton Kenyon
Roger Liggins
Richard Ortiz Jr.
Michelle Schwartz

70th Intelligence Wing
Anthony Boykin

22nd IS
Renee Davis
Stefan Giggey
Lisa Mae Griffin
Steven Hall
Scott Hughey
Michael Jacobs
Matthew Janssen
Joseph Johnson III
James Lynch
Summer Mccoy
Joyce Morgan
Tammy Mueller
Heather Parenteau

22nd IS
Brian Shea
Nathan Whitesides
Travis Wilson

91st IS
Curtis Mackey
Sharon Johnson
Luis Maldonado
Kennard Porter
William Shuler
Andrew Simmons
Jeffrey Sturdevant
D Carter

29th IS
Jason Antwine
Daniel Campbell
James Howey
Shane Mcallister
Jeremy Scheerer
Robert Scott
Brett Whittaker

32nd IS
Elmer Riggle
Calvin Thurman

694th Support Squadron
Jacqueline Burton

23rd IOS, Det. 1
Andy Diels
Angelina Maldonado
Michelle Turner

Other 70th units

Robert Davis
Glenda Lynchard
Thomas Martin
Scott Wakefield
Daren Zimmer
Maria Esparza
Ty Presley
Matthew Robinson

Major
29th IS
Michael Burkott
Mark Wood

91st IS
Sandra Felton
Brian Lancaster
Daniel Malin
Martin Mitchell

Tyrone Reed II
William Zutt

DINFOS
Susan Idziak

694th SPTS
Lori Levenson
Mark Palmero
Gerald Ramsey
Edward Veitch

Captain
91st IS
Brian Balazs
Michael Putney

694th SPTS
Diane Dreesman
Christopher Honholt
Erika Staples

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Intelligence Group; OL BA 694th Intelligence Group; 31st Intelligence Squadron; OL GR 694th Intelligence Group; and OL FL 694th Intelligence Group.

Effective immediately, all active duty military personnel assigned to these units are hereby authorized to wear the AFOUA w/valor ribbon. The Military Personnel Flight will update the AFOUA w/valor through Military Personnel Data System. For more information, call A1C Khari Madison at (301) 677-0654 or 1st Lt. William Bess at (301) 677-0396.

INDUCTION CEREMONY from page 1

Jeanmarie Adams, Diego Lemos-Ramires, Michael Jones, Robert Sprovieri, Therese Strode and Gerald Wesley, Air Force Reserve; and Jeffrey Bobbitt, Henry Espinoza and Harold Moore, Fort Meade area.

A special candle lighting ceremony preceded the issuance of certificates to the honorees by Col. James Poss, 70th IW commander, CMSgt. Tom Giroir, 70th IW command chief master sergeant, and Dowling.

“With the three-day orientation,

capped by this recognition ceremony, we hope to not only welcome our tech sergeants as senior NCOs,” MSgt. Mike Donovan, Top Three chairman for the event, said. “but also to explain their new responsibilities as senior enlisted leaders. The step from NCO to senior NCO is certainly a significant one and our tech sergeants deserve to be recognized.”

The actual induction ceremony included reciting the senior NCO creed.